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- 1. Response to Final Office Action (7 pages).**

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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant:	POTTER, J.	)	PATENT
Serial No.	09/825,202	)	
Filed:	June 30, 2000	)	Group Art Unit: 3637
Title:	Prefabricated Modular Building Component	)	Examiner: Dorsey, D. Amendment

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
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**RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action mailed on February 25, 2003 please enter the following Amendments and Remarks to the above-captioned application.

**In the claims:**

Cancel claims 1-11 and 24-28.

41. (amended) A method of building a deck structure comprising the steps of:

providing a deck frame including a series of joists;

providing a plurality of modular panels, each panel being of a layered construction including a top element and a bottom element, said top element being of a material providing substantial compressive strength and limited tensile strength, said bottom element being of a fiber-reinforced material, each panel having at least one groove;

providing an elongated spline element having a length substantially greater than a distance between an adjacent pair of joists, whereby the spline element spans across more than two joists of the deck frame;

placing a row of panels across the series of joists of the deck frame;

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